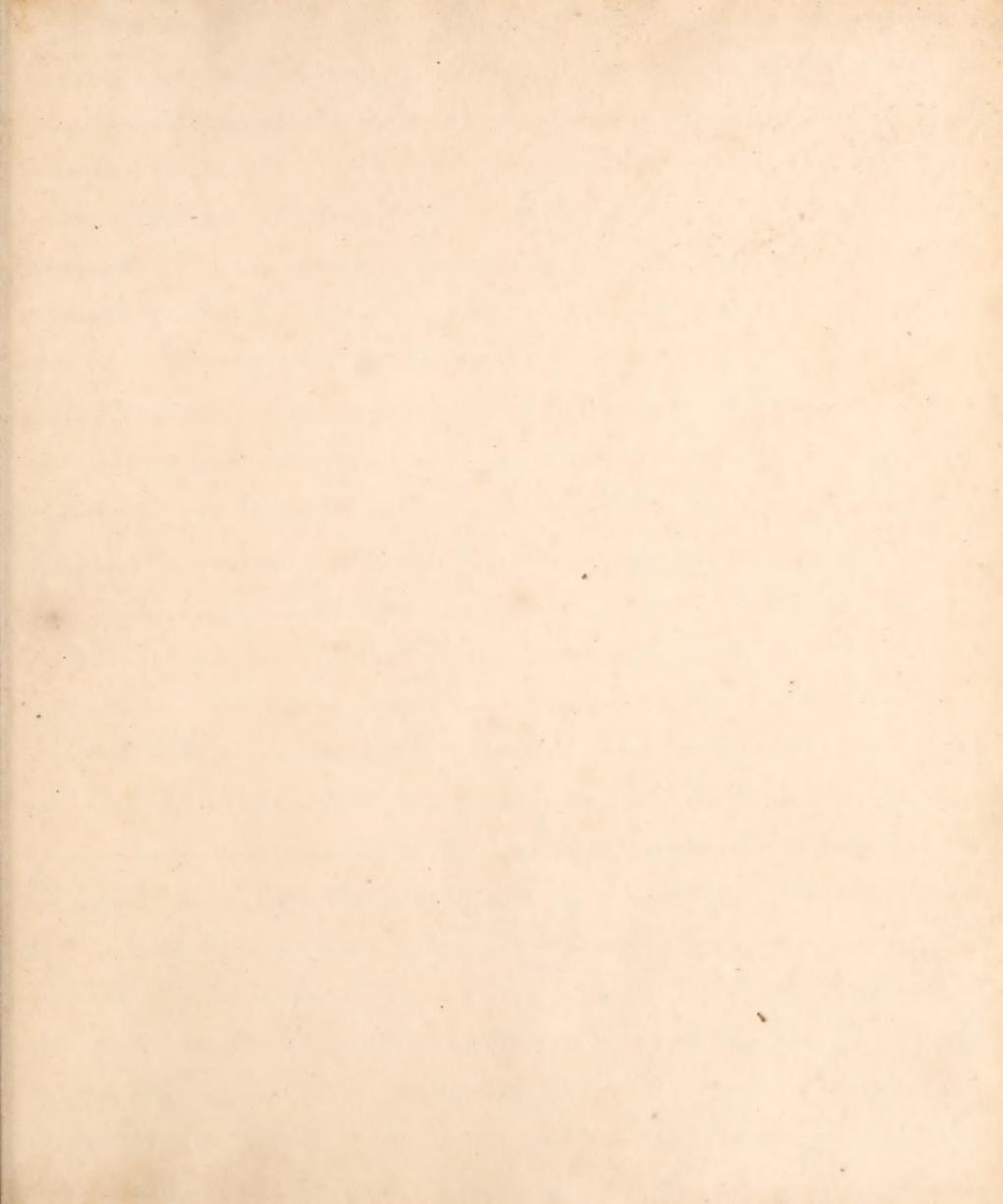


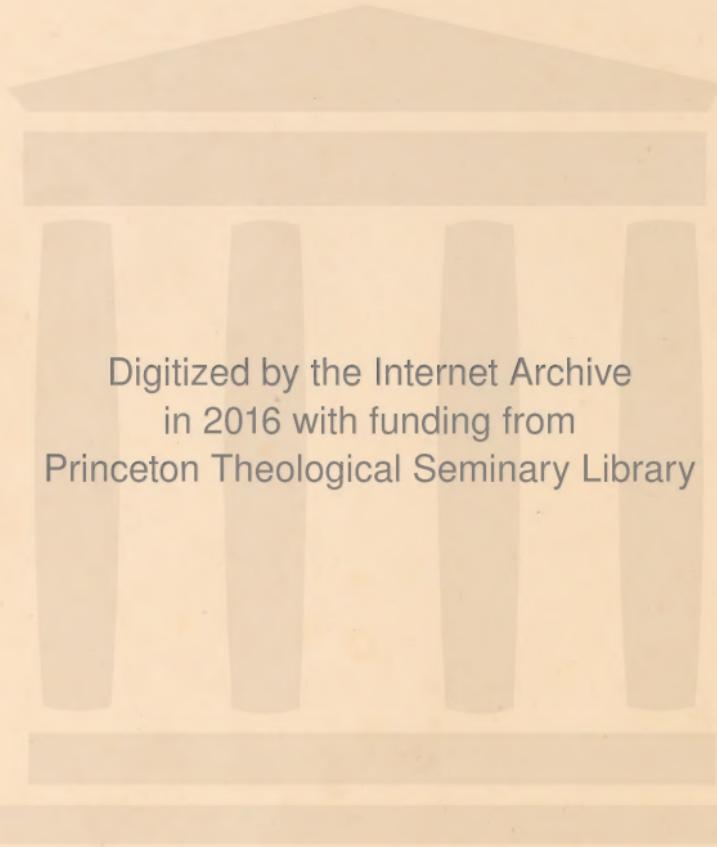
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Prayer is an all efficient panoply; a treasure undiminished, a mine which never is exhausted a sky unabsorbed by clouds; a haven unruled by the storm: it is the root, the fountain and the mother of a thousand blessings. I speak not of the prayer which is cold and feeble, and devoid of energy. I speak of that which is a child of a contrite spirit, the offspring of a soul converted, born in a blaze of unutterable inspiration, and winged like lightning for the skies. The potency of prayer hath subdued the strength of fire; it hath bridled the rage of lions; crushed anarchy to rest; extinguished wars; appeased the elements; expelled demons; burst the chains of death; expanded the gates of heaven; abridged diseases; repelled frauds; rescued cities from destruction; it hath stayed the sun in its course and arrested the progress of the thunderbolt: in a word it hath destroyed what ever was an enemy to man. I again repeat, that I speak not of the prayer engendered by the lips; but of that which ascends from the recesses of the heart. Unquestionably there is nothing more potent than prayer: yea there is nothing comparable to it. A monarch vested in gorgeous habiliments is far less illustrious than a kneeling suppliant, anointed and adorned by communion with his God. consider

how august a privilege it is, when angels are
present and archangels throng around; when cher-
ubim and seraphim encircle with their blaze
their throne, that a mortal may approach with
unrestrained confidence, and converse with heavenly
dread Sovereign! Oh! what honor was ever conferred
like this! when a christian stretches forth his
hands and invokes his God, in that moment he
leaves behind him all terrestrial pursuits and
travels on the wings of intellect the realms of
life; he contemplates celestial objects only, and
knows not of the present state of things during
the period of his prays; provided that prayer
be breathed with fervency. Could we but pray with
fervency, could we pray with a soul resuscitated
a mind awakened, an understanding quickened;
then were satan to appear, he would instantly
necessity fly; were the gates of hell to yawn
upon us, they would close again. Prayer is a
haven to the shipwrecked mariner; an anchor un-
to them that are sinking in the waves, a staff
to the limbs that totter, a mine of jewels to the
poor, a security to the rich, a healer of disease
and a guardian of health. Prayer at once secures
the continuance of our blessings, and dissipates the
cloud of our calamities. O prayer! O blessed prayer!

Thou art the unwearyed conqueror of human woes; the firm foundation of human happiness; the source of ever dur ing joy the mother of Philosophy the man who can pray truly though languishing in extremest indigence is richer than all beside; whilst the wretched who never bowed the knee, though proudly seated as the monarch of the nations, is of all men most des titute. Let us then direct our thoughts to Him that was poor yet rich, rich because he was poor. Let us overlook the enjoyments of the present, and de sire the bles sings of the future; for so shall we obtain both the bles sings both of the present and the future. Oh! may we all obtain them through the grace and beneficence of Christ our Lord; to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed all glory now and forevermore! amen.

St. Chrysostom

Pray'r is the Christians vital breath,
The Christians native air,
His watchword at the gate of death—
He enters heaven with pray'r

There is such an exalted delight to a regenerate being in the act of prayer, and he anticipates with so much pleasure amid the toils of business and the crowds of the world, the moment when he shall be able to pour out his soul without interruption into the bosom of his Maker, that I am persuaded, that the degree of desire or repugnance which a man feels to the performance of this amiable duty, is an infallible criterion of his acceptance with God.

Henry Kirke White.

Kindness says an admired French author is the golden chain by which the world is held together, and it can be moved and managed with a finger. The observation is at once elegant and expressive; but the misanthrope defies the gentle band and severing the ties of friendship and affection becomes a stranger to content and joy -

Sunday October 18th 1840.

I now enter upon my Senior year, during a portion of that now past my journal was occasionally written, but was entirely neglected in the summer term, believing that such religious advantage results from it, as now resume my pen intending to use it for this purpose at least once every week and often if convenient.

This sabbath has closed; Dr. Fitch preached on the Unity of God in the Morning - The Doctor "ans to your faith virtus", setting forth the Christian's need of moral courage - after tea a very crowded meeting addressed by Prof's Goodrich & Clinton in an excellent manner. Came to my room with Gready, Gould came in soon - Prayed together; after they left, Thacker came in, talked about Sabbath School & prayed for us. My own feelings are not what they ought to be, there is none of that spirituality which I read of, views of sin very imperfect, not enough vital piety, much pride & vanity. I wish to be entirely Christ, but there is so much indifference - in this position to make spiritual efforts. O Lord change this heart, and for the future enable me to be devoted to thee. Dr. M'Nutt

Sunday Oct 25th

"Fitch preached "God is a spirit" as the motto
in the afternoon. Prepare to meet thy God. I have to
say a few words in our religious feelings. this is
a good day & the sun shines & the birds sing. The
Lord is here, and I feel as if I am in a
"only a babe in Christ, & need to be taught, in all
things, there is a great deal of pride & sin. real sin in
my heart - I am not enough given up to God in
all this. & it often makes me feel bad in
this respect. Then the day is over & we have a short
evening & I feel very poor & what we have time
made - the sun has set & it is now dark & it
is a quiet - - a little time to be alone. the only
comforts are in the sun. But I have
not as sun now, for the sun is set & I have
to depend upon other things a little. but has seen
so much of him. & he will be here we are told;
& I sometimes feel of him, we are to know our
end - & come to him here in my time. These seem
now as little to cross a bridge. & I will cross
the water to the great strength to see our dear Christ
that - - to end myself easily away to the Reconciler
- the world. 6. I think I have had

21st October November 1st

This day completes many one year spent in this world, and how little I have accomplished thus far, for God or my fellow men - or myself! It has been communion today - but my heart was very cold, my views of sin indistinct, my love to the Lamb small and poor: during the last month I have often to some Christians in religious things & to other non professors thought myself rather to be a fool of the freshman; this is a poor account to render to my Savior who died for me, the my studies have abounded me much, I might tell & should have done more in the vineyard & in my master. My spirit of prayer has been too dull, & that I might feel the changes of souls around me, Lord open my eyes & warm my heart: for my own sake I have felt some warmth, the thought of their living and dying God's creatures awakes some love in me. In regard to some of them the works of Jesus & his disciples comes to my mind, "This kind goeth not out but by fasting and prayer"; I am therefore resolved to fast to morrow & pray for their conversion & for my own heart to be melted & warmed.

W. and Hamill

Sunday November 8th 1840.

Cold, cold night, sometimes skeptical
at 11^o & now in my usual 12^o & 1^o m^o,
but usually though not continually in such
a state, this fluctuation tends in certain religious an-
sions and other causes is natural. — I feel my-
self to be not quite in harmony ^{spiritually} with his contents
of the book of instruction.

P. K. and Trumbull

Sunday Nov 8th 1840

Mr. Hawes has preached today, in the Chapel
the way of the world is indeed wretchedness, but —
I well know your want of Bible knowledge, it must
not only be read but studied — and God helping
me I will make more & better use of it; how much is
would lament the neglect of it, if subject to his power
in sickness or in death: God asserts me to be more
so in this and in all the duties. For a long time
I have not been in church more than 10 or 12
days — always have in truth a little — too very little —
but the truth is, this is now a old man in some sense
but I am aware of no better, and have not time but an
hour and a half to go — and when it is set,

and to return to Thee. I do not see any very strong conviction of sin, nor of my disobedience unto Thee, — I have to see more of sin and of my own ways; and in all points to lead a life more humble, prayerful & active.

Daniel Russell

"Why should we believe there are Gods? Because there is one nation so savage, no man out of all men so barbarous, whose mind is not in tune with the opinion of the Gods" Cicero in

It will not save us, nor save us to be able to say Allah is our father unless we will acknowledge the poorest Christian over Lazarus for our brother — Eng. Bishop

The bell strikes one. We take no note of him
But from its loss. To give it then a tongue
Is worse in man. As if an angel spoke
I feel the solemn sound; if heard aight
It is the knell of my departed home.

Where are they? With the road beyond the flood.
It is the signal that Heaven doth keep aye.
How much is to be said! this is but a
Start up alarmed, and see his noon-day
Look down — on what? a fathomless abyss. A hand is laid

Virtue's second lesson of fate — Grecian poets

Monday March 11th 1911

There has been some idea of a
revision in the laws, and, no doubt,
the Anti-Slavery party, something is now, and

Perhaps it is I, to certain I am a sinner
but O Lord if so now, help on to cleanse the ston'd
or remove it Thyself, — but suffer me not to
infect the world. Almighty God my Father
I would make the following solemn
confession, and write in, that it shall be before
my eyes to warn me in future.

For the Lord took it ill his view to become
a sinner, I was a wicked sinner, and up to
now had none taught me in childhood, but
I have in profane & unclean, a sabbath & the
name & nature of God: until I read you with my
wife I will not now name thee, & so never more
By thy grace and the faithfulness of the christian
people; I was as I suppose destined to become.

Now I have not since becoming a professon
been the entire christian that I ought to; my standard
has been too low and I have said in my own pride
peace, peace, to the wicked; having vowed to be all
Christ I have kept back his part; I have ne-
glected to study the Bible, to converse with
sinners, to pray for them as much as was necessary.
My heart sins are many, pride has risen against
me, and my love has been much on the world.

Cherish I wish to come back to Thee - whom
I have known, adored, whom I have dishonored
& have never in this life, and ill timed, met with;
Whom I have not loved with the whole heart,
and known the whole off my penitence and
with faith in Jesus, whom I have wounded;

And I do now & tremble & let loose myself
to thy will as long as I live, to pray for
the dying now, and to labor to promote it, seeking
opportunities to converse with sinners; and in all
things imitate my Saviors example.

And I do approach Thee, Lord the living
Son and Holy Ghost, in thy way God, renouncing
to Jesus my soul and its interests, and laying
up to him all I have and have - and thus am
only giving him what is his.

Now O God, I am weak, & eas-
ther come, and let me not wander away, but
up me to be a man of prayer, and always
a humble ~~active~~ Christian.

David Mumford

June 20th 1841.

This Sabbath finds me at College once more, glad to have returned; during my absence the world has come strong upon me, but, though feeling less than last term, I am still willing to see the cause of my blessed Master advancing around me. I hope and mean to be faithful in warning & praying for my incompetent fellow students. And to this end O God I ask thine guidance and strength.

I have long thought my standard of Christian character was too low; and Mr Aikman says he feels the same thing, and now means to aim at an active consecration of himself to God: to resolve on this as my own strength will not avail, but I do wish to know my own weakness, make the determination, and by thine strength maintain. The duties in which I have been negligent are these, studying the Bible; self examination; prayed;

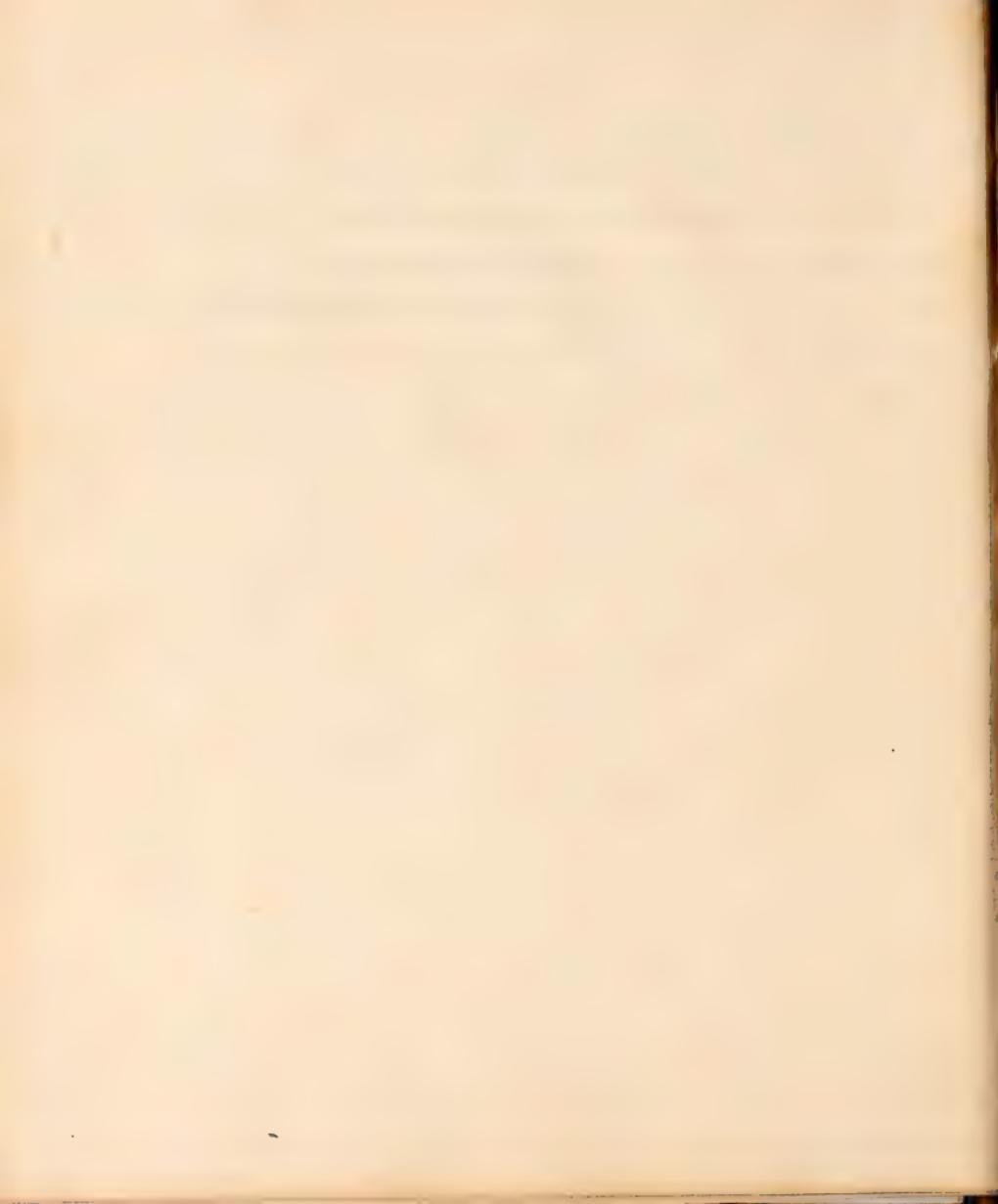
and personal effort with sinners and
professed Christians; and the free, right
improvement of time and privilege.

Christians feel less than last term
concerns also; they will look to me for
new examples in some measure; and
now David Gamble shall you in place
be to elevate or help sink the Standard
of religion among your associates?
Shall Jesus Christ find you a soldier
always ready to act for him, singly and
independently? I have no rule on the
motions of your heart, or the world and
self!

O God, my heart thou knowest, I
have tried to deceive others, myself, and
worst of all, Thee; and how if I am
a Christian, make (me) tell Thee to be a
sinner; increase my faith, break my pride,
rend my will, give me no pleasure
while straying from thyself and Thee; &
if I am not, undeceive me in mercy
and help me to become one without
sin. This new work is begun, and
I am resolved, in thy strength, to pass

in thy fear and the better performance
of every bound duty. But, Thou art
aware of my sinful infirmities, and
I pray Thee grant me assistance from
on High; these requests I proffer in
my Saviour's name. Amen

David French



Sunday Evening. September 18. 1842.

Princeton Theological Seminary is my present location - In 1837 my way was blocked up completely, and I got in the way of study - then brought to join the People of God; and doubting as to my future course, have had my resources cut off; then received the kind offer of Mr Packard of a scholarship, and here I am to use it.

If the guiding hand of God, to whom my Grandmother turns and my Brother carried me in dedication and prayer so often, is not shewn here - What could show it?

Delightful thought that He guides my course, still Lord direct, and gives me a disposition to follow thy leadings.

I have deficiencies to lament. Would they might be lamented to some good purpose; the truth is, early in my course I concluded my abilities were of a superior order intellectually; and thus showed a wantfulness at one point by relying on these too much and making inferior efforts - my standing as a scholar is in consequence lower than it should be. The same thing in a measure has influenced my religious life - that I was well started, and was doing well, had the prayers of many friends in store for me, and (humble that it is true) felt a sort of privilege, that even in neglect of duty all

would go well with me — Especially, regarding the low-
grade of actions and attainment among others. This I
have consented to live in quiet and in warning because
others did. Eminent Christians have mentioned these
matters, but they were not... the my faults, if they were
there was good reason to suspect. And now, preparing
to be a Minister of the Saviour — the whole responsibility of
this office is not done out by any useful readiness to do.
To view the human race in Bible light, this danger and
need — treasuring their God's own Message, on their treatment
of which hang such interests; What Words and Actions
the Ministers had! what pride — and carelessness may
acquaintance with God and Man are needed! Who is
sufficient, on these things? O God fit and guide me.
End Bluntell)

September 25th 1842.

Time in his flight has borne away another Sabbath, and come it where? To eternity - where I also shall at length be borne to meet it again and give account for its improvement. How hard to value passing time, the incline to put off action, important action, to the future, forgetful that the future at the very longest will soon be where there is no work or device.

This Morning's discourse was on the doctrine of election at present I do not how based on the Bible nor support any thing short of it, but I feel its practical power very slightly; and alas of what Bible injunction may I not say the same! This afternoon the subject was the dangers of entering the Ministry without piety, and the motives of doing so. I think my own motives are to do good, though am not sure but I value more the happiness of mankind than the honor of Almighty God. Search me O God; and whatsoever may be my own inclinations hinder me not to go opposed to thy calls and wishes:

Be pleased to show the path of duty all through life, and assist me to follow that path faithfully, not consulting flesh and blood but like those looking to the compass needle of reward in the future world of faith therein.

David Fumbell

Sabbath night November 6. 1842.

Since writing on the page previous, have had a most-welcome visit from my dear Father, who arrived & stayed several days - and met Aunt P. B. ~~Wells~~ whose visit has been to me one of peculiar interests, giving me much information regarding my dear mother and grandmother - of my mother's power she speaks in the highest terms and with the strongest affection. so that I have almost wished her still in earth; and my little Sister Julia; but Mother and daughter God, who is wisdom and love combined, has been pleased to call away; and I remain the sole representative; I have had peculiarly pious friends, have been peculiarly led in life - and sidway I became a, peculiarly good and useful man.

Learning that my Mother when dying prayed for & kissed her two children - and thinking perhaps her spirit has known my course in life; I have wept at recalling many a scene and thought how was it possible to do so. Against what light, what prayers, teachings, motives knowledge - and Against what divine love has my life of me been pursued! Why spared I others less wicked me been cut off - others again allowed

their own way of sin - but what mercy has followed
desirous me as it were out from the fire! O my
Master - bring in others also, my family, my
classmates, all my acquaintances - and aid me
with thy strength to mend the breach I have made
by a life of holiness and activity.

This morning's discourse was on the glorious Gospel
and the need of proclaiming it, and the requisite
character of the proclaimers. This afternoon the
Subject was the Doctrine of Providence - if we allow
that there is a God, and he Good, either in the light of the
Scriptures or the guidance of reason, the trust conclu-
-sion seems to be a constant and particular
providence - but a practical scepticism saps the
influence of this; and indeed constant viewing of
the divine hand in every passing event is only
the attendant of much piety. The more devoted
the Christian, and the closer he dwells to his God the more
does he feel the reality and consolation of this doctrine.
"He who observes Providences will have them to observe,"
says one; and in future I would be more care-
-ful to note passing events, and by recollection
to the past strive to banish this neglect of seeing
his hand, so insulting to God, and hurtful to myself.

David Trumbull

Princeton November 27. 1842.

This has been a day of gratifying religious services in the sanctuary - but of no very peculiar emotion in retirement, and one cause is there has not been sufficient private devotion. But surely have not I enough to call out all my soul in petitions to God! Brothers Sisters Classmates - and the young of my own and foreign countries; O how the whole advancement of Jesus' cause should live in how the heart of every Saint looking to Jesus for salvation. Assist the to work in prayer and in every other way while the day lasts or the night cometh in which the man can work.

I begin the more week in earnest in Study of Scripture and in Mental effort I am accountable to God to be faithful, and man to be so; May it also be a work of prayer and holy living - Many a Penitent still dwells in the Land of my heart and the Congress which here is soon session to take is begun, is far. How far, for a Prodigy, six years old, from Completion. O God change me, show me how weak I am, and don't thy strength in me. David Smalld

December 18th. 1842 Sunday night

Weeks fly like morning mists; nearly one half of my first theological year has passed away; A savor of life or of death - What a duty. But few things to note down for to day, because my emotions have been few and feeble; It does seem as if I knew very little of the power of religion. Practical & Theoretical understanding - in both I am sadly behind hand. I am not settled as to what the Bible teaches of Divinity of Christ; Depravity of man; Original Sin; Divine decrees - How ignorant of Bible history. And then the doctrines of Grace in my own heart charge me with lacking much the wisdom. The duties of Christians to the poor & weak as sadly neglected; and I mean in, future to seek more for chances to alleviate the need. Greedy has cheered my heart by telling of Barnes & Monroe becoming pious - thank God for this; O bless Yale College with a searching shedding-down of grace, till all its members are brought into the vineyard. My own family that they were committed, and laborers for God. David Trumbull

Sunday Evening February 6. 1843.

This day begins the sixth Christian year of my life - O untold kindness that having made the way of return possible for every sinner, taught me, one for the pride of assistance, to motives of human and divine affections, among the first - to walk in its.

More than any thing else of late have I felt my lethargy and lack of true decision in habit thought and pity.

Prayer the scarcely named to myself, is regarded burdensome - a thing which neither gross scripture lone to God or Man can even palliate - Dear Master aid me, I will pray more! How horrid to be an offender against a Holy God, more horrid to feel stupid as I do on such ground.

God is so good to me in raising up friends and comforts, and I think so little of Him.

Lord help me to study more to think more pray and love more: In judging of doctrine I have a constant tendency to swing with others; Oh for vigor, candor, independence, humbleness to follow truth lead where it

may - who can measure the harm I
may accomplish by adopting an error
even a slight one: a rich treasure in a
poor vessel; O Father in Heaven be my
teacher.

David Grumbelley.

Sunday Evening September 8th 1844.

Once more returned to Princeton to complete my
Throl. course - said heavenward in privacy, if
I fall from unfaithfulness how bitter and unpalliated
will be my regret - However an old feeling clings
to me that I am safe, wh. bears danger on its
front. I do not practically feel the strongest power
of the Law of God as it bears on me; I converse I
write. I preach it in all its vigor, but after all do
not realize it; do not feel that I really am
in danger of hell, myself, and hence but little
value the deliverance offered me in the death of
Jesus Christ. Told this at the Lord's table this morning;
religion is so much a matter of theory with me; want-
ing so much of its practical power; I wish to be
a true, deep, self knowing Chr. but shrink from
the rec. effort - without which however the result is
probably want half its value. This evening carried three

tracts into the Soming Men ditch door, wh. I hope may do them good - I wish they might be convicted and am inclined to try and lead them to the Savior.

I am very impatient in my intercourse with others whom I know very well; looking for the moment harshly on their faults; to this I give way and get out of temper - give Sord looks, or sharp answers - or some such thing wh. is inconsistent with the Gospel. Here is something I would prepare for in future life: to meet in a mild spirit the dullness, ignorance, prejudice and harsh words of others - I wish to acquire an imperturbable quietness and charity wh. shall bear and forbear with others failings: the great cause of this trouble is Selfishness; and that erroneous feeling so common among all that day will allow me to give harsh words in return for the same - & that I could say more to say what Solomon says "A Soft Answer turneth away wrath". Lemon this morning Sat 6:14 God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of Christ; Subject in afternoon the Love to Christ; Dr Hodge said it is diff. p. on love to Parents and friends. and diff. p. on love to God. Dr A. said this is the great thing to secure success in teaching; and that any of us may be eminently successful if our hearts were filled with love to Christ. This evening A. H. Brown preached John 1:29 Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world. Now I begin a new week and hope to live

early, and with diligence, punctuality, and thoroughness perform the
duties of Prayer, Study, Reading, Writing and Meditation.
God be my helper! David Brumbaugh

The Work later September 15.

Sermon this morning in Chapel By Dr. Miller
Eph 2:1 And you (that he quickened) who were dead in
trespasses and sins; a very good discourse, and really
in my opinion having no more than a verbal
difference, and hardly even that, from Mr. Warren's
- not always explicit - for instance man is not
wanting in any faculty neccg. to serving God - he
has an understanding to know; he has affections
capable of being placed on him; he has a will
capable of being directed to his service - but he
has no heart for all this; in other words he has
no will² - this is appears to my mind. By Dr. Miller
I cannot help loving him so parental, and so
much first in his entire demeanor, and so much
of a gentleman. A Confession says did I
stand among thoughts, how less contracted!
By prayer; 3 habits of fixed thought; in relig. duties
3 entering them making effort to feel presence of God;

I said by Miss Dr. method of running to Math, prop. or
something to engage the mind, till it be checked &
I have found on my own full running straight to
Christ Crucified; Dr Miller said the remitted eye of God
was upon him an old Dr Stow from Conn. said
now 60 years, who long sick, how he preserved his
sight so many yrs. & for so years in his walking
hours he did not think he had for 5 minutes been
without the thought that Gods eye was upon him; And
Dr Isaac Hutton say'd he had any superiority to
the eyes of man in the power of keeping his mind
intact on one subject till he understood it.

I have some longing to feel the power of the
Spirit, to know the creatures of the Lord of Christ,
to know myself as a sinne, and my consequent
day. Am anxious to have right sense of truth,
and trouble - sometimes truths of all, nearly, the good
not appear supported by insuff evidence to warrant
such a belief - but O God guide me by the Holy Spirit
into all truth. Then the doctrines of grace when
viewed from one side, that of the Saved sinne, seem
all right; but when I view their consequences from
the other sinnes side they seem dreadful. Here I
think some are blamed wrong - tis said of a man
accents not to these sins, it is because they are so

humbling to human pride - in many cases ~~it may~~
be, but I cannot think in all; some do see insur-
-perable difficulties, in offering Salvation to all men, who
it was never designed for them, this may be suffice
and adapted. And yet if Commuting grace is God's free
gift, and given as the punishment of Christ's death
why is it not given to all men? it is not given
to all for all are not converted - and how ~~why~~
not? bcc. and purchased for them: hence particular
redemption or limited Atonement - Now again O
Scriptures! how often w^d I have gathred them - but ge^d a bz.
Who will have all men to be saved - to say this means
all the bleep seems intolerable exegesis. Thus I
float on the waves of doubt at one time thinking
this way, again that, and again doubting whether
S.S. settles the matter. I wish to be candid & if
the truth can be found to find it and promulgate it
all I can. I feel some measure of earnest-
ness for the conversion of my family. Daniel is
soon to come here, and O my God convert him
to take his case in hand, and bring him to
conversion and repentance, and supply
him for thy own service; I hope and pray the
dear boy may choose his dooms way this winter
and thus be armed agt every temptation & evil.

David Brewster

Sabbath Evening. October. 28. 1844.

This morning I rose at 6 - Prayer meeting for College at Dr. Shaws room. Prof. Addison preached in class. 3:17. It was expository - 2 Sorts of Wisdom in Heaven - a. & d. p. earth. James said Coming home he liked the sermon, not the preaching - it seemed to want to get thro with the service; this said that I had fully an aim of callous despatch it looks ill. This afternoon, Aug. Power of the spirit over human minds. Dr. A. S. records only claim their existence p. visible, the facts in our except. were all in with this theory - yet these facts do not prove it. We only know how Satan acts on our minds, his power has varied in diff. ages of world - as in our Saviors time men bodies - now their souls. His refuge p. line is as directed. Dr. Scott said was more experienced human being than any man - & he having 6000 yrs exp. might judge some of his power & power of wicked men over other men. I shot besides as a post. was no more harmful than other sermons, so be an apostate.

(My soul has been drawn out some for others to day & rec. for my Tho. James last Sat. I spoke

with him on the welfare of his soul, he admitted all, but seemed indisposed to do anything - to right however he has come, and takes his seat here by the fire, doing nothing - and perhaps is willing to hear more - God grant he may be, and besides hearing, to set about making his peace with God - O that he might be soon converted.

Alt. Evening. Feb 9th 1845.

I take my pen again. Last Thro' lesson is now within 3 months of its close; how little prepared to enter the labor field of the world. Have been reading more in Pauls Epistles - and feel the lack of Personal heart experience in regard to what he says, and the relig. teacher who lacks this - what is really has he? My convictions seem to be more of the head than of the heart - I now have both combined. This morning D'alec. Walk Circumspectly; not as fools, but as wise Walk for a mans Course of life - 1. See we are in the right course; 2. Keep the end of it in view; 3. We need a heart, and have it in B.blee. Must not turn aside to please field, but keep paths dry. Our way is thro' an enemies Country. 4 Must look all about us, and sometimes behind - not as Lot's wife; 5 We need a guide, and have one

in the Shepherd of Israel - Not do to walk
is to be lost. Afternoon to Mr Patterson.
Mas. still remains most attention to relig. -
that the ~~afft~~ of God w^t anest him; he has
gone to Ch. to right w^t he might be there met
& Lord there is the power. I feel a great lack
of vigor. and firm tractit, I may say,
in all my duties, and am playing
with the bone of fact. Amend^t. I rise late
not with ready, and let time slip away with
my fingers; and so back w^t at doing anything
in way of Compost. when not pressed up
for some occasion. I may well wonder
the little devotion to my Lord's cause, &
is in me, and whether supremely my
mind is engaged to obey him at all
costs. I to be commis^sed of sin, & sin to
sin for hope, and bid to more strict com-
pliance with his example & commands.

Sunday. Night Feb^r 16^t 1845.

This morn^r Dr Miller ^{25^t} of Lydia's least,
that the heart to Paul's heart & spirit is unplied.
2 God from can & hear it - which is worse. 3
This not of^r force but pif. 182^t thank God for:

off our hearts. 2 Bind who keep hearts close. 3 & I pray for
them at all times, when Corp. is preached. It
was then & has been since on my mind a
shoey dream that God wthg. comes ^{to} heaven to heaven
to night he has gone to Ch. my the H. Spirit of
truth of something arrest his attention, and lead
him home with the inquiry what shall I do to be saved?
My God my eyes are unto Thee, disappoint not
my hope - I plead with them A Saviors merit.
And recall that Gibbons might he has to devote
his as yet unspotted life to a better master &
in a better cause; I hope God will yet use him
for his own glory and the conversion of men. To
give me faith & earnestness to pray for my
dear family, all of them. This afternoon Walked
with God was half of Conf. 1 Agreement 2 Conversion
3 Reliance on to obey him - all inst.
D^r A. thought as Soul of two men walkth in God's bush
& Noah perhaps meant God appeared to them, or saw
of God a bunn. fig. as to Abn & conversed with them
Ment to College Dr. meeting this morning,
& spoke to Stud^{ts} on Drunken Dracs - D^r McLean
they were very cold, and going back he
thought - O for the Spth of God to come into this
College - Prayer m. at 10 at Shin's Room

I am still full of faults - tractable, acknowledging little very little. Slight back sense of law; sometimes account from I know not what faith in Christ is - and from desires wh. arise in my mind have cause to fear O my before God has slight hold on me. Yet most of my sins are of neglect. I feel more my need of inward spiritual preparation for the Gospel work, so that God will be my instructor and fit me for it. Dr. H. thinks it would be wise to go to S. Ann. to be fitted up to Ralph. And Dr. Hodge I am - yr. & a says there was a Method of at Rio, and may be now - and none at Ralph. he bid me pray over it and God would guide me in the choice.

Sunday Evening March 2. 1845.

Prof. Addison A. preached 'Bless & pray for us' Regt of praying for Pastors, and for others. After Mr. Patterson found script. for repentance the taught it carefully and with tears' illust³ of Plautus, Scacapile, Prof. Orville, and relig. pris. espec. Have fully communed desires for Bro. Adams, spoke to him but he seems indifferent; gave him a tract, on chapt. 14. 1-10. Sati-

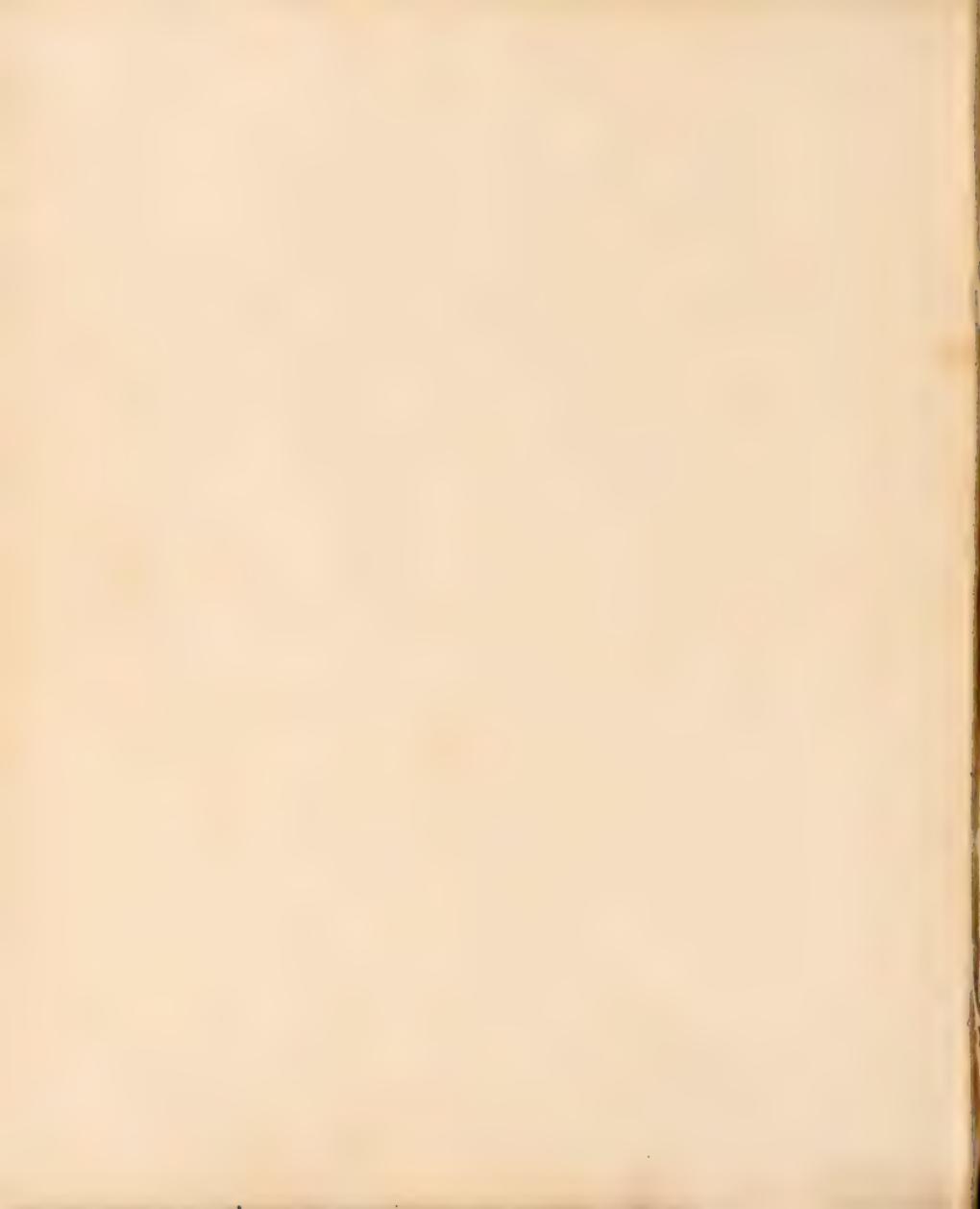
read it and laid aside - Oh my God I turn
to Thee on his behalf, open his eyes, reveal
to him his dangers, cause him to flee from
Coming snare - and save him for Christ's
Sake. I hang down, as I cast an eye
back, in religious theory; but oh what de-
fects in Practice! My temper is hasty and
proud; & that the salvation and growth in grace
of those about me were nears my heart, this
wth check hast words - but above all would
the eye of God as ever upon me, were more
remembered - than when any turbulent thought
arises it would be put down. To be an apostle
how hard it is. I long to get away from the
place, and go to work in the field, to enter
the more active duties of the ministry - last
work attempt^d to write a sermon, but so many
interruptions occurred, that often I was
rescued, and in anything but a human fit
for such a day. Miss Allibone sent
a pledge to use no int^o 3rd drinks; I declined
signing, as it is extreme. Last week a
day of prayer for colleges, my soul was not
unusually awake, I remembered this object
safely, but ought to feel more alive than I do.

I have never had the convictions of which
some speak, nor yet learned to any great
extent my own want of strength - I can see
that X. righteousness is necessary for justi-
fication, but trust too much to my own
strength may the Lord teach me neither to
overrate nor underrate it. I doubt
seriously whether the Bible tells that the influence
of the H. Sp^{irit} is any thing more than applying truth
with power to the mind. This said it must be
if infants are regenerated, because truth can't be
applied to their minds - we do not know
the S.S. nor the power of God may perhaps be said!

Sabb. Evening - Mar. 16th 1845.

2^d Alex. delightful a spec. simple vehicles seen
on Socorro. Sand - by heavy rain the fields - might be
hundred fold covered with dead grass; or hundred to each
grain. Afternoon staid at home, company Ward was not
well, remained with her. Evening Read Contrast betw.
Christian and Byron; also life of Socrates. Still my views
of Sin are so deficient - I am inclined to make X.
the Minister of Sin, since pardon is off^{er}ed so freely; may
my eyes be opened to see the slightest Sin, as enormous;
and that I might shrink instantifly, sleeping &

waking from all having the appearance of sin. My mind
is now much distract^d as to future field of labor - Shall
I go abroad? - or, as Mr Spaulding from Ceylon says, shall
I stay at home? if not whether go to Bahia or to some
other spot? I think I w^d be willing to go to some station
among heathen. If save my health w^d be of the right
sort - for the go^t is not done all, since the ch^t must send
men at expence to have them able to work after they are
on the ground. To God I wish to look as. do^t, and pray
him besides showing the path, to aid me in leading - to make
me willing to lay aside every right and go for him where
I can serve him best - 'tack me o Lord to do thy will'.
James will soon leave me for his home; he promises
to read the Test. this very year he is in College, at my
request - the deacons' suspic^tble, he little seems a
stranger to himself and to God - Right God answ^r him &
bring him to serve thee. Not last night ~~while~~ praying
for him - he is now lost, now under Condemⁿ
and O God save him and all my family for^t same.



Invitations to the T

Good People.

"I would" said a pious English bishop "never to go to
a man's widow before his face, nor of his ^{marrow} without his
back". Newspaper.

"The old barge is

going to an ^{old} hole is like the singleton in the setting
sun, who while the sailors wept each seizing an oar, the
old barge herself, caught up the oars and hauled
her gray crew board. Arnold

"Optimism in a time of calamity
is not only good, but it is a duty
one owes to one's self."

The talk of manhood has come here and must now be
revised, and often sleep in bed with the ^{old} barge; for
now it remains to us to ^{old} go to bed, in the same state in which
the ^{old} barge, ^{old} went ^{old} home; when he resolved never
to ride a ^{old} barge. W. P. Norton.

Now remain ^{old} barge in bed - for ^{old} barge's sake. old

He is a man of but little tact and other
men's schemes & purposes, which he would not
know of, are a curse to him, and in his heart, they
will be the bitters of his life. ~~He will~~ ^{will} in his heart
Aliens ^{will} be the curse of his life, & what he has said
will be the bitters of his soul in his heart.

The man who says all things are gained by vanity
and avarice, & is ignorant of the true value of
honor & worth, & who should stop with a mere name
of honor, when in reality, and using the name & title
as a shield, should be the most dangerous power
of the administration, & the most dangerous, & will be
and will be the man who will use it for his own ends.

Wits (Cowley)

When I see one that has no place
To which a wist hid his face -
Such does the fire press me away. No just
The winter blush I leave the heather greenest.

Final Conflagration. Nov. 21st 1840.

Let shake ye, flames, the wasting globe before
And bid the skies with pure & bladless flame
The earth, which the prolific fires consume,
To beauty burn and withers into blossoms;
Improving in the last fires flame it lies
Fades into form and into vigor dies:

Burke

A compliment has valued from one who has his
Civility for all, but the expression of his appro-
bation for very few.

Poetry - the art of Substantiating Shadows,
& giving existence to nothing

Burke

Slavery... Death is natural to man; but
Slavery unnatural; and the moment you strip
a man of his liberty, you strip him of all
his virtues; you convert his heart into a
black hole, in which all the vices congregate
against you.

Delicacy is to birth, but as the
ruffle to the shirt, and I do not advise the
taste of those who are content to lay aside the
shirt, and display the ruffle only.

Star is a noble animal & splendid in Ashes and
pompous in the Grand. "Sir Thomas Browne

For tho' books serve as diet of the mind
If knowledge only got self-value breeds
By false suggestion it is turned to worm
And what should nourish on the eaten feeds
Dante and Godwin J. J.

But it is my way to suffer no impediments,
in love or else', in execution of that ease to have
the mind, it need be constrain'd or driven, the
completion of my literary pursuit" ^{in the month of} 1844 at 26

For honorable age is not that which standeth
in length of time, nor is measured by number
of years. But wisdom is the gray hair which
men and are unspotted in old age.

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